

REMARKS

[0001] Before amendments herein, claims 1-43 are pending. Claims 21-25 and 39-43 are cancelled. No new claims are added. Claims 1-20 and 26-38 remain pending after amendments herein.

[0002] Thank you for discussing this case with me on Tuesday, January 9, 2007. I greatly appreciate your willingness to discuss these matters.

Election/Restriction

[0003] The claims are subjected to a restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing two patentably distinct groups of the claimed invention:

- I. Claims 1-20 and 26-38, are drawn to a particular key generator, classified in class 380, subclass 44.
- II. Claims 21-25 and 39-43, are drawn to the generation of a specific digital signature, classified in class 713, subclass 180.

[0004] Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I in the event that the restriction/election requirement as set forth above is maintained. Claims 1-20 and 26-38 read on Group I.

Conclusion

[0005] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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